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February 10, 2003
Letter of Deficiency
DSP #03-014

Mr. Timothy Meeh
337 Shaker Road
Canterbury, NH 03224

RE: Fountain Pond Dam #038.08, Canterbury

Dear Mr. Meeh

The Department of Environmental Services, Dam Bureau (DES) consistently strives to enhance the safety of dams in New Hampshire through its dam safety program. One of the many instruments that play a part in reaching this goal is our inspection program. DES is forwarding this correspondence to you to advise you that in accordance with RSA 482:12 and Env-Wr 502.02, an inspection of the subject dam was conducted on October 1, 2002. During this visual inspection and/or file review, the following items were observed:

1. The embankments are overgrown with trees and brush. The dam crest and upstream face are due for annual mowing while the downstream slope and toe of the dam requires tree and brush removal;
2. The spillway was clear of debris; and
3. There are a couple of seepage areas along the length of the toe of the dam but could not be properly documented due to heavy brush growth.

DES believes that the following deficiencies can be corrected by performing the following items by the indicated schedule:

June 1, 2003:

1. Mow the low vegetation on the upstream face and crest of the dam; and
2. Remove the trees and brush from the downstream face of the dam and for a distance of 10 feet from the toe of the dam.

Due to the time that has lapsed, DES will be officially closing out the 1997 LOD. The only outstanding deficiency that remains is the removal of brush and trees from the toe of the dam. Enclosed is a copy for your reference. It is important that these deficiencies get addressed in order to ensure the continued safety of this dam.

DES is requesting that you complete and submit the attached "Intent to Complete Repairs" form, within 30 days of receipt of this letter, that will provide for correction of the identified deficiencies by the date(s) indicated above. If you believe changes to the items of work or dates are necessary, please make the changes directly on the form and provide a brief explanation. We have enclosed a self addressed stamped envelope for you to return this form.

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Our intent in sending you this correspondence is to make you aware of items that DES believes warrant your attention to insure the continued safe operation of your dam. It is our hope that, through the submittal of the attached form and a commitment to keeping a well-maintained dam, you will voluntarily comply with the requested items of work. If we do not receive the intent form or a similarly adequate written reply, we will assume that you are in agreement with our findings and recommendations and DES will carry out follow-up inspections accordingly.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this Letter of Deficiency or would like to be present at future inspections, please contact me at 271-3406, or write to the Water Division at the address listed on the top of the previous page.

Sincerely,

A stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Blaney', is written over the word 'COPY'.

Jeffrey M. Blaney
Dam Safety Engineer

Attachments Copy of 1997 LOD, DB8, DB13

cc: Gretchen Rule ✓

Town of Canterbury

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